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REPORT NEW BLAST FURNACE AND COKE BATTERY

SPOJENE OCELARNY FIRES NEW BLAST FURNACE -- Prague, Mlada Fronta, 8 Sep 50

A new blast furnace, named the "Peace Furnace," was fired at the Spojene Ocelarny (United Steel Mills) in Kladno on 7 September. Engineer Vlastimil Laitner, enterprise manager of the Spojene Ocelarny, stated in a speech that the plan had been to light the furnace on 28 October, but construction was completed 51 days in advance. The structure of the new furnace, he said, will mean that less coke will be consumed, the quality of pig iron produced will rise, and it will be possible to use much more domestic and powdered ore.

TRINEC LIGHTS NEW COKE BATTERY -- Prague, Zemedelske Noviny, 5 Sep 50

On 4 September, the V. M. Molotov Ironworks in Trinec lighted a new coke battery. This battery is one of the first produced in Czechoslovakia; formerly all such equipment was imported.

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